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AIRBNB'S LEADING LADIES

It's no surprise that New York is home to thousands of Airbnb hosts and their unique urban pads. What you may not realize is that ladies are leading the pack. 4

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5 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

MORGAN ROUSSEAU, MANAGING EDITOR

As a woman who frequently treats herself to Airbnb stays, I can't help but notice that the majority of my hosts have also been female. I admire the fact that these women are empowered to open their properties to strangers without the help or "protection" of a man. Get that money, girls. Read on to learn about New York's leading Airbnb ladies on page 4 and visit metro.us.

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TRUMP BASHES COMEY AHEAD OF BOOK RELEASE

President Donald Trump hurled a new set of insults on James Comey on Sunday, challenging accusations the former FBI director makes in a tell-all book that is due for release this week, and insisting that he never pressed Comey to be loyal to him. "Slippery James Comey, a man who always ends up badly and out of whack (he is not smart!), will go down as the WORST FBI Director in history, by far!" Trump wrote in one of five Twitter posts aimed directly at the fired FBI chief. The renewed attacks by Trump came as ABC News was set to air an interview with Comey at on Sunday night

in which he would discuss his book, "A Higher Loyalty." Trump fired Comey last May, setting off a firestorm, as the Federal Bureau of Investigation was probing possible connections between Trump's 2016 presidential campaign and Russia's meddling in the American elections. Russia has denied interfering in the election and Trump has denied any collusion or improper activity. Reuters and other news outlets have obtained copies of Comey's book before its formal release this week. In it, Comey wrote that Trump, in a private meeting, pressed the then-FBI director for his loyalty.

STARBUCKS BOSS OFFERS APOLOGY FOR ARRESTS

Starbucks Chief Executive Kevin Johnson apologized late on Saturday for the arrests of two black men at a Philadelphia coffee shop last week, which sparked accusations of racial profiling. Promising to make everything right, Johnson promised a thorough investigation of the incident caught on video by a patron Thursday and shared widely online. The men were accused of trespassing but have said they were waiting for a friend before ordering. "The video shot by customers is very hard to watch and the actions in it are not representative of our Starbucks

mission and values," Johnson said in a statement. He added, "The basis for the call to the Philadelphia police department was wrong." Philadelphia's police commissioner on Saturday defended the arrest, saying his officers had to act after Starbucks employees told them the pair were trespassing. Video of Thursday's incident showed other patrons telling officers the pair was doing nothing wrong and appeared to have been targeted merely because of their race. Police Commissioner Richard Ross said he knew the incident had prompted a lot of concern, but said his officers "did absolutely nothing wrong."



LEFTIST ORGANIZATION PROTESTS IN INDIA AGAINST THE U.S. AIRSTRIKE ON SYRIA

3 The Socialist Unity Centre of India, a leftist organisation, burned an effigy of President Donald Trump to protest against the U.S. airstrike on Syria, at Esplanade, on April 15, 2018, in Kolkata, India. [Read more on the Syria airstrike on page 14.](#)

SLOW-MOVING STORMS HEAD TOWARD EAST COAST

4 Deadly slow-moving storms generating record snowfall and low temperatures in the Midwest moved eastward on Sunday, leaving stranded airline travelers and thousands without power. In Michigan, where snowfall was expected to reach 18 inches in some areas, about 325,000 homes and businesses were without power, most of them in the southeast of the state. In the Detroit metro area, more than 310,000 customers of DTE Energy lost power on Sunday because of ice storms, DTE spokeswoman Je'well Pearson said. Icy roads were also posing a challenge for utility

trucks, which could prolong some of the outages, she said. Tornado watches were in effect over the Carolinas, but no tornadoes had been reported by early Sunday afternoon, said National Weather Service meteorologist Brian Hurley. The storms stretched from the Gulf Coast to the Midwest and were moving into the Northeast and New England. A total of more than 150 flights had also been canceled on Sunday at Chicago's O'Hare International, Boston's Logan International, Milwaukee's General Mitchell International and Newark Liberty International airport in New Jersey, Flightaware said.

FORMER FIRST LADY BARBARA BUSH AILING

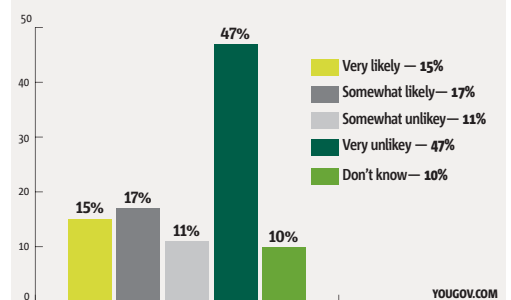
5 Barbara Bush, the wife of former U.S. President George H.W. Bush, is in "failing health" and has decided to no longer seek medical treatment, the office of the ex-president said in a statement from Houston on Sunday. The former first lady, who is also the mother of former President George W. Bush, "will instead focus on comfort care," the statement said. She is 92 years old. The brief statement did not indicate the nature of Bush's illness but said that she had had a series of recent hospitalizations. CNN reported that Bush was suffering from chronic obstructive pulmonary disease

(COPD) and congestive heart failure. A Bush family spokesman said she was being cared for at her home. He did not provide information on the nature of her illness. "She is surrounded by a family she adores and appreciates the many kind messages and especially the prayers she is receiving," the statement added. As first lady from 1989 until 1993, Bush was a popular figure known for her sometimes blunt talk and self-deprecating wit. Her husband, the 41st president, is 93 years old. Her son, the 43rd president, is 71. She is the only woman to see her husband and son sworn in as U.S. president.

STATS

JAMES COMEY MEMOIR

Former FBI Director James Comey has written a memoir in which he details his time as FBI director during the 2016 presidential election and his firing by President Trump. Trump recently tweeted that Comey is "an untruthful slime ball." How likely are you to read Comey's book?



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Over the past year, the number of female Airbnb hosts has grown by 17 percent in New York City.

There is no question that Airbnb is a popular option for travelers visiting New York City — and for New Yorkers looking to make some extra money by opening their homes to those out-of-towners.

What might come as a surprise, however, is how many of those hosts in New York City are women.

Over the past year, the number of female Airbnb hosts in New York City has grown by more than 17 percent to reach 25,515, who account for 54 percent of all hosts in the five boroughs, according to new Airbnb data.

"I'm not surprised. Hosting is something we do already as a caretaker," said Richelle, who has been an Airbnb host in Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brooklyn, for about five years. "It wasn't hard for me to meet and greet people, it's something innate. It's who we are."

The growth didn't surprise the company, either.

"Historically, women hosts have outnumbered men on Airbnb, but we have noticed that their impact on our platform is growing," Airbnb spokeswoman Liz DeBolt Fusco said.

In fact, co-founder Brian Chesky said last year women have made \$10 billion on Airbnb since its founding in 2008 — and in the past year alone, they've made an additional \$10 billion and represent more than half the total community and half the hosts on Airbnb Experiences.

"For us, it's simple: More women Airbnb hosts means more women who are able to use Airbnb to find greater

financial, professional and social empowerment," DeBolt Fusco said. "While we know that Airbnb cannot single-handedly break down the barriers that many women face both in the workplace and in everyday life, we are proud to support women's economic empowerment through our platform."

Airbnb 'was really a necessity'

Richelle lives with her family in the classic Brooklyn brownstone she grew up in, and when she and her husband were thinking about renting out the

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Richelle

two-bedroom apartment on the top floor after their eldest headed to college, someone suggested they try Airbnb.

"We didn't have any reservations, really. We've always had family and friends come over, so it seems like something we've always done all our lives, but this time we're just getting paid for it," she added with a laugh. "It's helped us tremendously to finance our children's education, and it allowed my husband to stay home with my father when he lived with us because he was very sick."

Most Airbnb hosts can make an extra \$6,000 to \$10,000 each year, which can help them pay off loans, start new businesses or save for that proverbial rainy day.

For Sunnyside, Queens, resident Divika, being an Airbnb host allowed her stay home with her kids after her divorce.

"It was really a necessity," she said. "Of

course, when you have little kids in the house, you worry about people coming into the house, so you ease into it, but Airbnb does a good job with the background, if there's a problem, they'll solve it, but I've never had any problems."

Airbnb also has 10 host-led Home-Sharing Clubs in the city, which Divika finds a great resource.

"Clubs advocate for fair and clear home-sharing regulations in their city, share best practices around hosting and hospitality, organize community service activities and can serve as a forum to connect those who share a passion for home-sharing," DeBolt Fusco said. "Airbnb supports local clubs by providing them with the tools they need to connect with other hosts in the area."

Over the years, both Divika and Richelle have seen repeat guests from around the world, and they tailor each visit to individual needs, from making sure there are kid-friendly snacks for travelers with children to taking guests to a neighborhood restaurant.

Divika even sent her kids to visit guests her family has become close with.

"My kids made such great friends in Paris and Italy, and they actually went last year to spend time with them," she said. "Eventually I will, too. Before Airbnb, I couldn't afford that."

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New York City women like Richelle, above, are flocking to Airbnb hosting to supplement their income. Over the past year, their presence has grown by 17 percent, and they make up more than half of all hosts in the five boroughs.

ALL PHOTOS BESS ADLER



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OP-ED: THE PHENOM THAT IS CYNTHIA NIXON

OPINION

MARNI HALASA

Marni Halasa, a lawyer, journalist and professional figure skater, ran in the last election for City Council for District 3 as an independent on the Eco Justice Party. In addition to her protest consulting group, Revolution Is Sexy, she recently founded Community Control of Land Use (ccluny.com), a group that collectively organizes small businesses and tenants about intrusive neighborhood development.



Challenging incumbent male power with no experience gets my vote any day, writes Marni Halasa.

I have two things in common with candidate for governor Cynthia Nixon. First, we were both in the second “Sex In The City” movie — she as Miranda Hobbes, one of the main actresses, and I as a belly dancer in the Abu Dhabi nightclub scene. Second, we are both activists who have run for office in the State of New York against powerful incumbents — myself against Corey Johnson who is now speaker for City Council, and she, currently against Gov. Andrew Cuomo — both having no prior political experience.

Although critics denounce her for being the new pol on the block, I believe it is her strength. In this age of ubiquitous corruption, we want candidates who come to politics with a clean slate so they can make decisions in the public interest. We want people who in-

stinctively want what’s right for regular people, have compassion for the disadvantaged and have not taken gobs of real estate money so that their policy on land use is a developers’ wet dream. And furthermore, we want strong women who can challenge male authority and transform a stagnant system to truly champion women’s rights, shake up the balance of power and bring a different kind of decision-making to the table.

We candidates with no experience play an important role in political discourse because we are not enmeshed in the culture that corrupts incumbents. We don’t get large donations. We don’t have meetings with lobbyists. We don’t owe favors to anyone. What we do have is a clear vision that pushes incumbents to act. Whereas I pushed Corey Johnson to address the Small Business Jobs Survival Act, the first City Council Speaker in eight years to bring the issue to a public hearing, Ms. Nixon is shaming Gov. Cuomo into at least pretending he cares about



Marni Halasa appeared in the film “Sex and the City 2” as a belly dancer in Abu Dhabi. GETTY IMAGES

“Ms. Nixon and I have another thing going for us: We live in a time hungry for the powerful female voice.”

Marni Halasa

us New Yorkers. To watch the governor jump right and left through hollow publicity stunts like bringing the IDC back to the Democrats, only reaffirms what I have always known: We novice candidates have a lot more power and influence than we think.

Ms. Nixon and I have another thing going for us: We live in a time hungry for the powerful female voice. This is

a new era where groups that were typically underrepresented — women, minorities, young people — are now rising to bring about reform in the power structures, challenging incumbents with narratives of fairness and justice that cannot be ignored. So what do I say to Ms. Nixon and other women with ambition and no experience: run for office — there is no better time. And

even if it turns your life upside down, you end up temporarily broke and you often wonder how on earth you got to this place, you will exert a keen recognizable influence that continues past your campaign. And this experience of a lifetime — one that challenges you to fulfill your greatest potential of being in service to others — will so be appreciated...because you really mean it.

Five facts on Cynthia Nixon’s run for New York governor

Actress and liberal activist Cynthia Nixon, one of the stars of the hit television series “Sex and the City,” has her sights set on Gov. Cuomo’s job. Weeks ago, she announced her plan to challenge the incumbent governor for the Democratic nomination. Here’s what you need to know about Nixon, her background and her political journey so far.

She’s a newcomer to the political scene
Rumors started swirling in 2017 that Nixon, 51, would seek a run for the governor’s seat. But it wasn’t until March 19 that she made her intentions known to the world. “I love New York, and today I’m announcing my candidacy for governor,” Nixon, said on Twitter. She’s never before been elected to an office. Her campaign sets up a battle for the Sept. 13 primary against Cuomo, a two-term incumbent, who is considered a presi-

dential hopeful in 2020. Cuomo has said he’s not concerned about going up against Nixon.

She’s zooming in on the troubled MTA

The fledgling female politico uses the hashtag #CuomosMTA, both on social media and on her campaign website cynthiafornewyork.com. The site also features a video of Nixon in a subway station with trains rolling past her. On March 28, Nixon rode with C train with New York City press and Brooklyn

“We need a New York that works for all of us.”

Cynthia Nixon

Borough President Eric Adams to talk about transit funding. During that discussion, Nixon endorsed “comprehensive congestion pricing”

and said the MTA needs “a dedicated revenue stream” and a focus on service improvements instead of superficial issues.

If elected, she’d make New York history

Nixon has been a trailblazer when it comes to education reform in New York, but if elected, she’d pave the way for a new minority of politicians: gay women. Nixon would not only be the first female governor to take the helm, but she’d be the first openly gay governor in New York history. A prominent advocate in the gay rights community, Nixon has been married to her wife, Christine Marinoni, since 2012.

Her ‘Sex and the City’ co-stars have weighed in

Nixon, who played the character Miranda Hobbes in the hit HBO series “Sex and the City,” received endorsements from her former SATC



Actress and activist Cynthia Nixon was born and raised in New York City. GETTY IMAGES

colleagues Sarah Jessica Parker and Kristin Davis. Ten days after Nixon announced her governor’s run, Parker wrote on Instagram, “A mother, an activist, an advocate, a fighter, a NY’er, a dear friend. Running for Governor of our great state. My sister on and off screen, you have my love, support and vote.” But Davis shouted her support on social media hours after Nixon’s announce-

ment, saying on Twitter, “I am so proud of @CynthiaNixon, no one cares more than she does about EVERY person getting a fair change and a good education. I know that she would be an excellent Governor...I’m excited to support someone I have [known] for 20 years to be one of the most intelligent and caring people in my life!”

Kim Cattrall, however, didn’t go quite as far in

endorsing Nixon. Instead, she responded to a fan on Twitter with “I support & respect any former colleague’s right to make their own career choices.”

She has a simple reason for running

Born and raised in New York City, Nixon hails from a one-bedroom, fifth-floor walk-up where she lived with her single mother. She graduated from New York City’s public schools, and now has children in the same education system. For these reasons, and because she said she got her start as an actress in New York at the age of 12, Nixon decided to run for office. “I love this state,” she writes on her campaign site. “New York is the only place I’ve ever lived, and I wouldn’t have it any other way. But I know that we can do better. We need a New York that works for all of us — a New York for the many, not just the few.”

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Report: 93K small businesses benefited from NYC's Business Improvement Districts

NYC Department of Small Business Services released a report looking at the success of Business Improvement Districts throughout the five boroughs.

75

There are currently 75 Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) across New York City.



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New York City has been making an effort to help small businesses — more than 93,000 of them, according to a new report.

The city's Department of Small Business Services released on Monday a report looking at the success of Business Improvement Districts, or BIDs, in boosting areas in all five boroughs during fiscal year 2017.

There are 75 BIDs across the city: 25 in Manhattan, 23 in Brooklyn, 13 in Queens, 10 in the Bronx and four in Staten Island.

But what exactly is a BID? Basically, a designated region in which local stakeholders, all interested in improving that area, work to fund and oversee projects. The goal is to benefit both local businesses and residents alike and create "vibrant" commercial corridors.

Those BIDs helped invest more than \$147 million into New York City neighborhoods between July 2016 and June 2017, according to the report.

The report divides BID efforts into a few categories, from sanitation to public events to "beautification" and beyond.

In fiscal year 2017, those BIDs collected 4 million trash bags, removed more than 108,000 instances of graffiti, held more than 4,700 public events (for 12.1 million New Yorkers and tourists), sponsored 147 public art installations and main-

tained 127 public spaces, like parks and squares.

Sure, some of those things are initiatives the city already handles, like street cleaning. But BIDs go beyond city services, said Robert Benfatto, co-chair of NYC BID and president of his own BID, the Hudson Yards / Hell's Kitchen Alliance.

"Like cleaning and maintaining city streets — BIDs can do it all the time, not just pick up once a day [like the city]," he said. "Some have even paid for security, to train traffic people to go into the street in heavily congested areas. ... Some, like with Bryant Park, maintain city parks."

The report highlights some unique BID efforts, like a "Hate Has No Business Here" campaign to restaurant crawls to temporary plazas. Benfatto said he hopes it inspires other BIDs to take on new projects.

"BIDs are very good at copying other BIDs. BIDs don't mind if you copy them," he said.

In his own area, Benfatto's BID is working on softening the hard, industrial structure of Hudson Yards to make it more inviting. His BID recently conducted a streetscape study and is about to transform an area on 37th Street where buses would be parked at all hours into a spot with planters, benches and better curb appeal.

BIDs are all voluntarily created and community based, and this report, officials say, shows how big of an effect that neighborhood effort can truly have.

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Analysis

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TTrump has doubled down on his clueless use of "Mission Accomplished."

To declare "Mission Accomplished," don't you need to know what the mission is? That key step is still noticeably AWOL from Donald Trump's victory dance on Syria.

We're pulling our

troops out ... maybe.

We're "establishing a strong deterrent against the production, spread and use of chemical weapons" ... maybe.

We're "prepared to sustain this response" ... maybe.

We're ... oh, never mind!

Which of these various possible missions have we now accomplished? Could be any. Could be none. And, oh, the sour odor of those two boastful words!

Didn't Trump know that "Mission Accomplished" is a famous punchline from the endless war in Iraq, emblazoned on a banner aboard the USS Abraham Lincoln, where George W. Bush announced on May 1, 2003, that "major combat operations" were done — one month after they'd started and 15 years too soon. Fifteen years and counting. Using those words now can be explained by an ignorance of history, an utter lack of caring or both. Pending further evidence, both is an excellent guess.

And then on Sunday morning, amid a flurry of tweets about James

Comey, Loretta Lynch, Bill Clinton, Andrew McCabe, Hillary Clinton, Michael Cohen, the FBI and the Fake News Media (a typical Sunday morning, in other words), Trump doubled down on his clueless use of "Mission Accomplished."

"It is such a great Military term, it should be brought back," the tweet-happy president typed. "Use often!"

Whatever the mission might or might not be.

For Trump, it's more than one sloppy phrase, of course. It's a way of approaching the world with no concern for facts, principles, insight or consistency. A constant gush of venom and ego. The fired FBI boss Comey, whose book arrives on Tuesday, is target No. 1 this time. He is a "Slimeball," "Slippery," "out of whack," "not smart" and "WORST FBI director in history, by far!" — and on his way to "jail...jail." I don't have room here to quote the president's other careless character assassinations. Just know this much: They accomplish nothing at all.



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					2 people	\$32,195 - \$50,100					2 people	\$50,538 - \$83,500
	2 bedroom	\$1,065	56	→	2 people	\$38,503 - \$50,100		\$1,706	9	→	2 people	\$60,480 - \$83,500
					3 people	\$38,503 - \$56,340					3 people	\$60,480 - \$93,900
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Gov. Cuomo demonstrated the magnetic wands at the Ninth Avenue subway station on the D Line in Sunset Park.
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Cuomo: Magnetic wands may be answer to fixing subway delays

The MTA is getting more magnetic wands — “innovative technology,” the governor said — that can help prevent subway delays.



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What’s the answer to the dreaded subway delays? Not the wave of a magic wand, but a magnetic wand, according to Gov. Andrew Cuomo.

Cuomo toured the Ninth Avenue subway station in Sunset Park on Thursday to demonstrate what he says is an innovative technology the MTA will be deploying in full force to speed up subway repairs and address signal delays.

The magnetic wands help remove conductive material, like steel dust, that builds up on the tracks, according to the governor’s office.

When those materials build up, it causes “insulated joint failures,” essentially tripping the elec-

“New York City subways are reliant on 100-year-old track and signal technology that will disrupt a commute on a moment’s notice.”

Gov. Andrew Cuomo

trical circuit which then leads to delay-causing red signals.

Insulated joints are the points of electrical connection used in the subway’s signal system. When a train is on a section of a track, that turns the signal red to let other trains know it’s there and to prevent collisions.

When the insulated joints are “compromised” by those conductive materials, it turns the signal red, delaying a train when it should actually proceed down the track. This is

one of the most common causes of signal-related delays, the governor’s office said.

“New York City subways are reliant on 100-year-old track and signal technology that will disrupt a commute on a moment’s notice,” Cuomo said in a statement. “While we invest in 21st Century technology to modernize the system in the long term, we’re also supporting the MTA’s work to stabilize the system in the short term.”

The Subway Action Plan is now fully funded by the recently passed state budget, and now, the governor added, that will allow the MTA to deploy this technology to reduce signal-related delays.

WAND DETAILS

The MTA is ordering 700 additional magnetic wands to have a total of 1,000 in its arsenal. NYC Transit plans to clean all 11,000 priority joints (out of 22,000 total joints) by November 2018.

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#PoetweetNYC 2018 is now underway and looking for your best green-themed lines

The Ninth annual #PoetweetNYC contest runs today through Friday — and New Yorkers have the chance to see their poems right here in Metro.



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Are you a poet and ready to let New York City — and Twitter — know it? The ninth annual #PoetweetNYC Twitter poetry contest is officially underway, and you could have the chance to have your words published right here in the pages of Metro.

Running today through Friday, #PoetweetNYC is run by the Mayor's Office and the Department of Cultural Affairs in celebration of April being National Poetry Month. Winners will be announced in Metro on Poem in Your Pocket Day on April 26 and via the city's social media channels.



Are you a poet and ready to let New York City — and Twitter — know it? The ninth annual #PoetweetNYC Twitter poetry contest runs today through Friday. ISTOCK

This year's #PoetweetNYC will also be a joint celebration of Earth Day, which falls on April 22 this year and the 40th anniversary of Material for the Arts, the Long Island City-based reuse warehouse that gathers discarded items from city businesses and residents and donates them to public schools, nonprofits

and artists.

Keeping those two in mind, organizers are looking for New York's poets to write and submit poems about the environment and sustainability, and with Twitter's new expanded character limit, you'll have extra room to truly let your words of love for Mother Earth blossom.

#POETWEETNYC INSTRUCTIONS

Tweet your original poem using #PoetweetNYC in a single tweet between 9 a.m. Monday and 5 p.m. Friday.

You may enter as many original poems as you would like, but be sure to keep it clean because any poem that's obscene, defamatory or inappropriate will be disqualified.

This year's judges are first lady Chirlane McCray; Tom Finkelpearl, commissioner of the Department of Cultural Affairs; Mark Chambers, director of the Mayor's Office of Sustainability; Alice Quinn, executive director of the Poetry Society of America and Jennifer Benka, executive director of the Academy of American Poets.

Five finalists will be selected, based on the appeal of the composition and subject matter of the poem, overall quality and creative use of Twitter to make a poem.

The winners will be announced and featured in Metro on Poem in Your Pocket Day on April 26 and via the city's @NYCMayorsOffice and @NYCCulture Twitter accounts.

Mayor: NYC poverty rate drops

Poverty in New York City is at its lowest level since the Great Recession, Mayor Bill de Blasio announced Friday.

The mayor's Office for Economic Opportunity released its annual New York City Government Poverty Measure report, which looks both at the poverty rate and the "near-poverty rate" of residents.

In 2016, according to the report, there were 141,000 fewer New Yorkers in poverty or near poverty than in 2013.

"From Pre-K for All to paid family and sick leave to the most ambitious affordable housing plan in the city's history, we are working to provide opportunities that will make a lasting difference in the lives of



Mayor Bill de Blasio touted new numbers showing a drop in NYC poverty. GETTY IMAGES

New Yorkers," de Blasio said in a statement.

The near-poverty rate in New York City — which includes those making up to 50 percent above the poverty line, or \$47,634 for a family of four, according to the New York Daily News in 2017 — dropped to 43.5 percent in 2016. That is

a 1.6 percentage point decrease from the 2014 rate of 45.1 percent.

The amount of New Yorkers in poverty dropped from 20.6 percent to 19.5 percent, according to the report.

The NYCgov poverty measure is updated annually, using the most recently available

info from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey and supplemented by the Mayor's Office for Economic Opportunity.

This process, the city said, provides a "more precise measure" of poverty than the federal poverty measure.

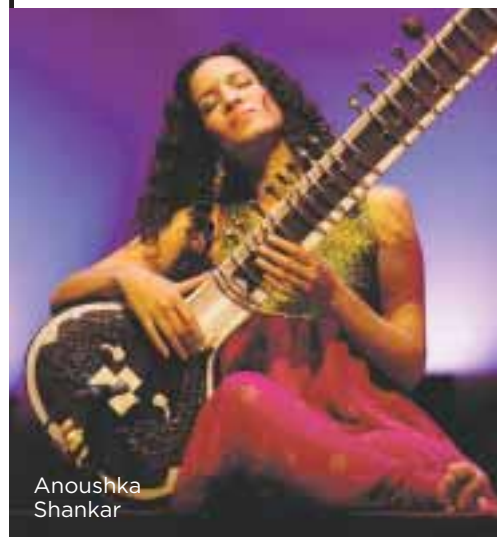
Along with the decreasing poverty rate, the median household income in New York City has increased 7.8 percent since 2014.

This report surpassed previous poverty rate projections, according to the mayor's office, and shows, de Blasio said in a statement, "real progress toward our goal of lifting 800,000 New Yorkers out of poverty or near poverty by 2025." KRISTIN TOUSSAINT

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Russia's Putin predicts global 'chaos' if West hits Syria again

The U.S. is expected to announce new economic sanctions related to Syria on Monday.

Russian President Vladimir Putin warned on Sunday that further Western attacks on Syria would bring chaos to world affairs, as Washington prepared to increase pressure on Russia with new economic sanctions. In a telephone conversation with his Iranian counterpart Hassan Rouhani, Putin and Rouhani agreed that the Western strikes had damaged the chances of achieving a political resolution in the seven-year Syria conflict, according to a Kremlin statement.

"Vladimir Putin, in particular, stressed that if such actions committed in violation of the U.N.

Charter continue, then it will inevitably lead to chaos in international relations," the Kremlin statement said.

Meanwhile, U.S. ambassador to the United Nations Nikki Haley told CBS' "Face the Nation" program that the United States would announce new economic sanctions on Monday aimed at companies "that were dealing with equipment" related to Syrian President Bashar Assad's alleged chemical weapons use.

On Saturday, the United States, France and Britain launched 105 missiles targeting what the Pentagon said were three chemical weapons facilities in Syria in retaliation for a suspected poison gas attack in Douma on April 7.

The Western countries blame Assad for the

Douma attack that killed dozens of people. The Syrian government and its ally Russia have denied involvement in any such attack.

The bombings marked the biggest intervention by Western countries against Assad and ally Russia but the United States, France and Britain have said the missile strikes were limited to Syria's chemical weapons capabilities and not aimed at toppling Assad or intervening in the civil war.

Responding to Haley's remarks about the plans for new sanctions, Evgeny Serebrennikov, deputy head of the defense committee of Russia's upper house of parliament, said Moscow was ready for the penalties, according to RIA news agency.

"They are hard for us, but will do more damage to the USA and Europe," RIA quoted Serebrennikov as saying.

In Damascus, Syria's deputy foreign minister, Faisal Mekdad, met inspectors from the global chemical weapons watchdog OPCW for about three hours in the presence of Russian officers and a senior Syrian security official.

The inspectors were due to attempt to visit



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The U.S., France and Britain launched 105 missiles into Syria on Saturday.

the Douma site. Moscow condemned the Western states for refusing to wait for OPCW's findings before attacking.

Mekdad declined to co- Trump had said "mission accomplished" on Twitter after the strikes, though

U.S. Lieutenant General Kenneth McKenzie at the Pentagon acknowledged elements of the program remain and he could not guarantee that Syria would be unable to conduct a chemical attack in the future. REUTERS



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Meet Ryszard Krynicki at the Pen World Voices Festival

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Born in a labor camp outside of Vienna in 1943, Ryszard Krynicki was surrounded by persecution and hardship, which led him to find his voice and utilize the power of his words.

An avid reader as a young man, Krynicki was inspired by the likes of Poe and Kafka and eventually studied poetry at university. He came of age at a time of deep civil unrest and violent uprising, which no doubt shaped his worldview and inspired him to speak out against the injustices he saw around him.

Krynicki found his calling. He spoke out against the political repression and censorship of the press and the arts that surrounded him, and was even driven to publish underground or in exile at various points in his career. It's hard to imagine such a sentence being levied today, but in 1976, it was illegal in Poland to even men-

tion his name in print. Thankfully this never deterred Krynicki — in fact, it inspired him and fellow Polish writers (like Adam Zagajewski and Stanisław Barańczak) of his generation. They became known as “New Wave Poets.”

“The New Wave poets were very different from one another, but they all felt a need to confront the lies, cruelties and injustices of the Communist regime directly, and some of them felt that the poetry of the previous generation had so far failed to do so,” says critic Alissa Valles.

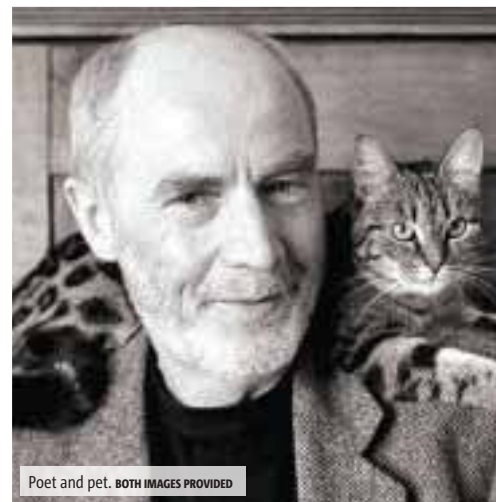
Zagajewski has this to say of his fellow New Wave Poet: “Krynicki has a rare gift of naming things even in the shortest poems, he goes straight to the essence. Among Polish poets and readers he has the repu-

tation of a master, of an archer who never misses.”

Also a translator and publisher, Krynicki is still relevant today. Recipient of myriad literary awards (notably the 2005 Nike Award for “Stone, frost,” published in 2004, the Polish Poets’ Award, the Koscielski Foundation Award and in 2015 the Zbigniew Herbert International Poetry Prize), he lives in Kraków with his cats, but travels the world to share his message of critical thinking.

On April 17 at 7 p.m. Krynicki will be taking part in a reading called “Poland Spring” at Poet’s House (10 River Terrace), and on April 19 performing in a reading entitled “Cry, the Beloved Country” at 7 p.m. at Dixon Place (161A Chrystie Street).

For more information, visit worldvoices.pen.org.



Poet and pet. BOTH IMAGES PROVIDED

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By Matt Edgar

America's Health Writer

New York City - Everyone has said it at one time or another. If I had only known about "this" sooner - things would be very different today.

That's what many knee arthritis pain sufferers are saying about this technology and treatment.

"We all know that countless lives are being saved every year because of early detection and better treatment" noted one of the doc's at **NYC Pain MD** in New York City. "The same holds true for treating arthritis pain. I believe we are having so much success at **NYC Pain MD** because of two factors: One is we are using advanced medical technology and treatments many clinics do not use. And second, the word has spread to our community and so many knee arthritis sufferers are coming in sooner. And the earlier we can treat knee arthritis - the better the results. The key to trying to avoid or at the very least delay knee replacement surgery is doing the correct treatment as soon as possible".

What is the "correct treatment?"

"That depends," noted the doc. "There is no one answer when it comes to medical conditions. Knee arthritis is no different. That's why, if you have knee pain, you should have it evaluated by a doctor who deals with and treats knee pain every day," he added.

For many knee arthritis pain sufferers the right treatment is Viscosupplementation whereby an FDA-approved preparation of Hyaluronic acid - a gel-like medicine is - applied ultra-precisely and virtually painlessly into the knee joint using *Precision Arthritis Targeting Technology*.

Hyaluronic acid is the natural lubricant and shock absorber of your joints and is found to be decreased in arthritis sufferers. This is similar to running your car without oil. Obviously, the sooner you put oil back in the car - the less damage will be done. That's why some doctors feel early viscosupplementation gets the best results and is so important when trying to avoid surgery.

The director of treatment believes one of the most important factors for the success of viscosupplementation is making sure you are getting it into the joint space precisely. That's why the doctors at **NYC Pain MD** use advanced imaging technology to apply *Precision Arthritis Targeting Technology* during every treatment.

A device called the "C-Arm" allows the doctor to see into the joint and actually watch the medicine be applied exactly where it is supposed to go. Research shows that performing procedures without Precision Arthritis Targeting (P.A.T.T.) can result in missing the joint space as much as 30% of the time. If you had viscosupplementation treatments without Precision Arthritis Targeting Technology and did not get good results - this may be why.



Can This Be Avoided? Total knee replacement is serious surgery requiring months of rehabilitation. Some doctors think modern treatments done early enough can keep baby boomers from going under the knife



Normal Pain-Free Knee Joint

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Knee With Painful Arthritis

Pain -

Illustration shown is a knee joint with painful osteoarthritis. Arthritis causes the joint space to decrease, grinding, stiffness, decreased motion, bone spurs, swelling and a lot of pain.



Research Shows Doctors Miss The Joint Space Up To 30% Of The Time Without Advanced Imaging

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LIFESTYLE

The checkered past of the chicken



There used to be hundreds of chicken breeds, but industrialization has reduced their variety to just a couple on American farms. You can now meet 18 of them at the Museum of Food and Drink's new exhibit. **ALL PHOTOS COURTESY OF PETER KIM**

America's favorite meat is the star of the Museum of Food and Drink's new Highlights from the Collection exhibit.



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Time to meet the food you love most face-to-face.

Brooklyn's Museum of Food and Drink is back in action after a two-month revamp, and it's brought out some of the hundreds of items collected over its five-year history in a small Highlights from the Collection exhibit.

"We realized we

wanted to give visitors a sense of what we want to do with the full-scale MOFAD, and part of what we're going to be about is displaying the incredible variety of food products that exist in the world — and part of that will be taxidermy," says Peter Kim, MOFAD's founder and executive director.

Although the museum remains in its modest Williamsburg digs for now, the renovation has opened up a space to highlight acquisitions like a 1927 General Electric Monitor Top refrigerator, considered the Model T of the culinary world. But the stars of Highlights from the Collection are 18 breeds of chicken

showcasing how the bird has changed over the millennia.

The birds all died naturally and were taxidermied into full, animated life by the award-winning Divya Anantharaman, who was the in-house taxidermist at the Morbid Anatomy Museum before it closed.

"For a long time, we've wanted to do a chicken show to give people a sense of the pretty remarkable history behind what is actually America's most popular meat by far," Kim says.

The modern chicken Americans eat is very much a product of design, he says. "It started as a quirky and aggressive

jungle bird in Southeast Asia," he says. "Humans first domesticated chickens to actually use for entertainment."

Humans eventually figured out that chickens were basically "like a machine that could turn bugs and worms and other things into eggs that you could actually eat."

Then came industrialization. The countless varieties of chickens developed by humans over hundreds of years collapsed into one or two breeds in America during the mid-20th century. For now, it's just the 18 chickens, but a future exhibit will explore the story in more detail: "What we hope to do is give people

a sense of that story and some insight into the production process that goes into making modern-day industrial chicken meat and eggs, which on the one hand is quite a marvel of technology and efficiency, and then on the other something that can be quite unsettling when you understand the inner workings."

And because you can't be a Museum of Food and Drink without food and drinks, the newly expanded major exhibit "Chow" — the history of the Chinese restaurant in America — serves freshly made fortune cookies off the conveyor belt of its in-house machine. MOFAD also has a tasting

counter where visitors can sample authentic cuisine by local chefs or, with the new Chow Down ticket, sit down for a three-course meal.

The museum also holds regular tastings and classes, beginning with Spring Spirits, a series of boozy programs exploring traditional spirits from around the world, and Kids in the Kitchen, which brings top chefs together with aspiring young cooks.

The Museum of Food and Drink is located at 62 Bayard St., Brooklyn, open Friday-Sunday from noon to 6 p.m. Admission is \$14 for adults; the Chow ticket is \$25. mofad.org

Pop a can (not a cap) at the bar from 'Deadpool'

You can always tell something important about a superhero by their favorite bar, and that's possibly the most true for Deadpool. The foul-mouthed prankster Ryan Reynolds was born to play prefers to drink in the company of the other mercenaries who congregate at Sister Margaret's School for Wayward Girls, and now you can join them when the bar pops up in Brooklyn.

For three nights from April 26-28, the Alligator

Lounge in Williamsburg will transform into the dive bar from the movie where Wade Wilson went to find trouble — and, in fairness, the love of his life. We told you bars were great for singles!

While brawling isn't welcome, visitors will be able to place their bets in a special Dead Pool, play a round of pool and "mingle with mercenaries." There will be free pizza and, because bars need drinks, Mike's Harder Lemonades in



new flavors like cherry lime and watermelon launching ahead of "Deadpool 2," in theaters May 18.

We're also going to include the canned corporate quote to go with the event, because just like Deadpool, they put a little style into it: "Just like Harder, Deadpool doesn't just live a little, he lives a lot," says Sanjiv Gajiwala, senior vice president of marketing at Mike's Hard Lemonade. "If he sees a chance, he takes two. He doesn't

wait for one door to open, he kicks them all down."

Sister Margaret's will be open from 7-11:30 p.m. on April 26-28. As this is a real bar, you must be 21 or older to get in. RSVPs open today at donyc.com.

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William Shatner tells us why 'Star Trek II' is so important

And what about all those remakes?



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The most significant moment in Star Trek history was not the original show.

William Shatner, star of stage and screen, sat down with Metro ahead of a tour to promote "Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan," where he'll appear at screenings nationwide this spring.

"It was only the result of people changing their minds for various reasons that they decided to do 'Star Trek II,'" he reveals. "They gave the project to the television department, hoping they could do it more cheaply."

The move ended up paying off in other ways, with the TV department basing the entire film off of a "Star Trek" episode with a villain named Khan. "It reverted to the concepts that made 'Star Trek' [the series] popular — with character, good plot and all those things that the show had done well," he says. "The movie was very popular, successful with the critics and the fans. It launched all the other 'Star Trek' movies."

And working once again with Leonard Nimoy, who tried to escape and then embraced his most famous persona Mr. Spock? "We had a combined front. Things we thought were important to change — we hung out together to make those changes," he says.

"There had been a pilot for the [original TV series] made with another actor playing Captain Kirk," he shares, "but it didn't get picked up. The concept was intriguing enough for another pilot with a different cast."

At the time, Shatner had no idea that "Star Trek" would become so iconic.

"It was just another show," he says. "Moderately successful for three years and they canceled it. That was the end of it as far as everyone else was concerned. And then 'Star Wars' broke upon the American public and Paramount said, 'What do we got that can approximate the popularity of



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The voyage that launched a thousand reboots. GETTY IMAGES

'Star Wars'?

"They remembered six or seven years previously, they had done something called 'Star Trek.' They revamped it. Then what

came out was the first movie and everyone was deeply disappointed. We were about to quit, and then came 'Star Trek II.'"

Flash forward to today, and "Star Trek" has been relaunched many times, both in movie theaters and on television. So what does Shatner think of the remakes? Turns out, he's a big fan of J.J. Abrams: "I think it's great."

These days, Shatner still has a lot on his plate. "I'm doing two albums this year — a Christmas album, and a country al-

bum," he says.

Then he's got a book on aging that comes out at the end of the summer, in addition to working on "Better Late Than Never," an NBC series that stars Shatner, Henry Winkler, George Foreman and Terry Bradshaw.

Despite being close to 90, Shatner shows no signs of slowing down.

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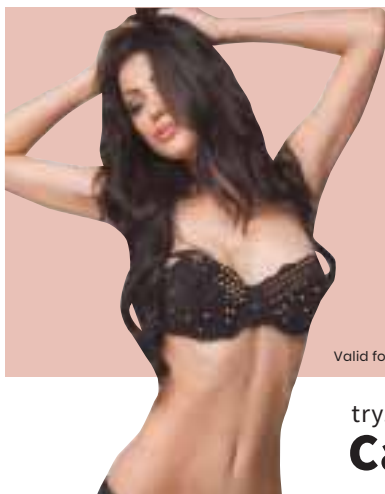
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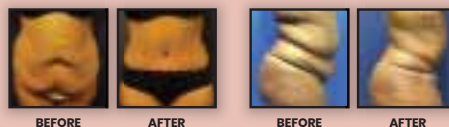
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Ahead of the laugh-fest, we revisited some of our favorite Lawrence quotes.

On music

"I was a B.I.G. fan. I like all of his stuff. I don't really have a favorite song. They all are good, and each brings different memories to me.

And you can still listen to it to this day and it means something."

On dealing with s—t

"If somebody pisses me off and I understand it ain't personal, then I'll go to another place and I'll meditate."

On work

"I try to always step up to the plate, be professional, be good at what I'm do-



ing and deliver" on the character "In Hollywood what more can you ask for? You want a consummate professional."

On parenting

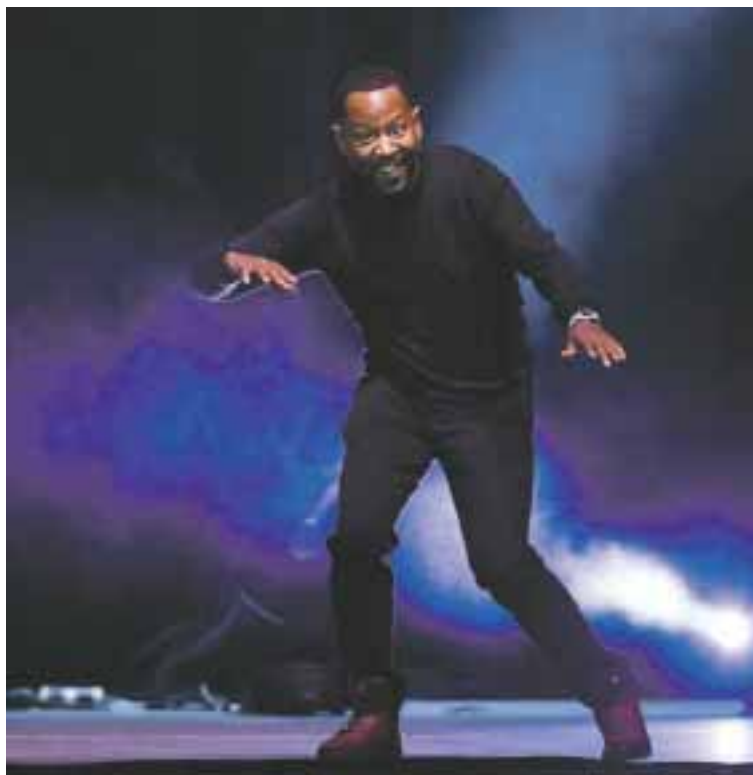
"White parents use 'time out.' My mom used a different type of time out. She'd be like: There — take time out to pick up your teeth."

No, but seriously, on parenting

"Boxing kept me out of the streets, by giving me something to do. And it gave me a father figure in the coach that was there for me. I just reiterated what my mother was trying to teach me about focusing and getting my life together."

On being politically correct

"It's botherin' me, man. You know, 'you can't say this, you can't say that.' I'm like, well, how am I gonna talk about the world? You know? I mean I need to talk about something to you all, can I — can I do it? Can I talk to y'all? I mean, I hope the kids are in bed, you know, because I got to talk, y'all."



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After its problematic debut last year at an overcrowded venue with safety issues, BrunchCon is coming back to New York. Will it be a better event?



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One of the most maligned food festivals of last year — and there were several — hopes New Yorkers give it another chance.

What should've been a festival of bottomless mimosas, pancake stacks and bacon-flavored everything turned into a hangry scene of long lines, overflowing trash cans, overwhelmed vendors and slippery floors at BrunchCon's first outing last year.

That said, organizers have made some significant changes for its 2018 event, set to take place on May 20. Most importantly, it has a new venue: Brooklyn Expo Center in Greenpoint, which is much larger than last year's Grand Prospect Hall in South Slope. Last year, some guests waited over an hour and a half to

get inside, only to be met with a floorplan of snaking lines and bottlenecks that meant they didn't get to sample many of the vendors before becoming frustrated and leaving. And no mimosa is worth waiting half an hour at the bar.

They've also cut the number of vendors from 50ish to just over 30 — though BrunchCon hasn't released a list of participants despite promising

Machine. Prices have also been reduced from \$55-\$95 to \$45-\$85.

Of course, the change of venue matters little if there are insufficient cleaning staff or too many tickets are sold causing dangerous crowding and vendors running out of food. How did last year go so wrong? Metro's emails and calls for comment went unanswered then, and a request for comment on how they plan to make sure this year's event goes down more smoothly were not returned by press time.

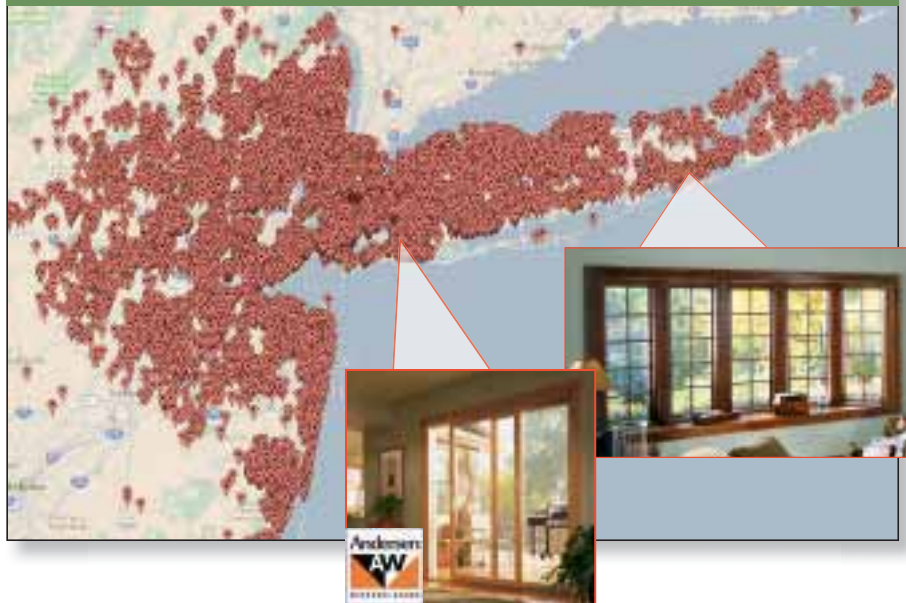
That said, this is the organizers' third year hosting the event, which also takes place in seven other cities besides New York, so they've had a chance to hone their methods. And even with everything that went wrong last year, those who arrived right as the event began or stuck it out after the crowds thinned did manage to eat some memorable bites.

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to be so proud! But ... they turned it down. Of course, you can't always know what's on your boss's plate. But when good ideas are thrown out for seemingly no good reason, it's often because they require buy-in above your manager's pay grade. Unfortunately, some managers aren't willing to rock the boat, even for good ideas, and you're left in the lurch. How can you succeed when your manager propagates a "stick-in-the-mud" culture?

to do with accommodating their personal work style or compulsions than meeting measurable business goals, they're not properly contextualizing your relationship. You'll have a hard time get-

engaged, see a future for themselves within a company, and have access to ongoing learning and development. One way of assessing your manager's commitment to your continued growth is to ask, "What's your dream version of my role?" If they answer that they see you doing more of the same indefinitely, they're not seeing the big picture, and they're probably not the best collaborator for achieving your long-term goals.

Your first job is to advocate for yourself and your career — your second is to find colleagues who support your goals. Organizations are messy and often fraught with politics, and though your manager may not be able to make everything happen for you, you deserve a relationship that's founded on mutual respect. If your manager won't go to bat for you, it might be time to make a change.



Here's when you know it's time for your two-week notice.

There's a reason you aren't getting promoted, but it might not be your fault.



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You've just finished your quarterly check-in, and something's off. You've maintained a good rapport with your

boss; you've met — nay, exceeded — your KPIs; you've played well with others, even Janice from Accounting... so why do you still feel that your job is going nowhere? It could be that you've come down with a terminal case of lazy-manager-itis. But how could that be? Where were the signs? Maybe we'll never know. For next time, though, here

are some red flags to watch out for.

They're not interested in new ideas

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Their feedback isn't related to business goals

Everyone should have the right to a respectful and annoyance-free workplace, and working in tandem with your manager along those lines is important. At the end of the day, though, you're both there to do business. If the feedback you're getting from your boss consistently has more

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SPORTS

Knicks contact Van Gundy, Jackson in coaching search

David Fizdale and Jerry Stackhouse are also on the Knicks' candidate list.



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The New York Knicks are adding to their list of possible head coaches as they have reached out to the representatives of both Jeff Van Gundy and Mark Jackson this weekend, as first reported by the New York Daily News.

The two currently working for ESPN as NBA commentators and analysts join David Fizdale and Jerry Stackhouse as coaches that have been contacted by New York.

Fizdale, currently an assistant with the Miami Heat and former Memphis Grizzlies head coach, will interview with the Knicks sometime this week. Stackhouse is currently coaching the Raptors 905, the G-League affiliate of the Toronto-based NBA franchise. He has also garnered interest from the Orlando Magic and Charlotte Hornets.

Both Van Gundy and Jackson provide familiar faces to those around Madison Square Garden.

Jackson starred at St. John's University before



The Knicks are targeting ESPN's top NBA announce team in their head coach search as Mark Jackson, left, and Jeff Van Gundy, center, are candidates. GETTY IMAGES

being drafted by the Knicks 18th overall in the 1987 NBA Draft. He spent six-plus seasons in New York over two separate stints, ranking second on the franchise's all-time list in assists (4,005) and sixth in steals (720).

It wasn't until nine years after his playing career was finished that he broke into the coach-

ing ranks, taking over the Golden State Warriors in 2012. He helped build the organization into the powerhouse it is today, helping develop Stephen Curry and Klay Thompson while drafting Draymond Green.

However, problems with members of Golden State's front office withheld Jackson from revealing in the overwhelming

success achieved by the franchise as he was fired after the 2013-14 season. Steve Kerr took over and has led the Warriors to a pair of NBA titles in the last three years.

Jackson's broadcast partner, Van Gundy, hasn't coached an NBA game since 2007 with the Houston Rockets. However, he is the top choice of plenty of

Knicks fans pining for the team to get back to the successful times of the 1990s.

Van Gundy spent 14 years in the Knicks organization, the first seven as an assistant coach before taking over for Don Nelson 59 games into the 1995-96 season.

He recorded winning seasons every year he coached and made

5,972

Jeff Van Gundy coached the Knicks from 1996-2001. As of today, it has been 5,972 days since he last coached the franchise.

the playoffs six times, including a magical run to the NBA Finals in the strike-shortened 1998-99 season as a No. 8 seed.

His 248 wins and six playoff appearances rank third in Knicks history while his 69 postseason wins are second to the legendary Red Holzman. He recently coached the United States national team in World Cup qualifying, a roster comprised mostly of G-League players.

Among other potential head-coaching candidates are Jay Wright and David Blatt, though it is unknown if the Knicks have contacted them as of yet.

Wright is coming off a second national championship with Villanova, a program he has spent the last 17 years.

The former Cleveland Cavaliers coach Blatt was exiled to Europe after his unceremonious firing two years ago. He's been coaching Darussafaka of the Turkish Super League.

A hint that the Giants are thinking Barkley

Is Saquon Barkley hinting that the New York Giants will select him in the 2018 NFL Draft or is he simply trying to speak it into existence? Or, better yet, wear it into existence? The highly-touted former Penn State running back proudly rocked a Big Blue team hoodie to a Pennsylvania barber-shop Thursday and TMZ Sports posted the photo for all to see.

Sources close to Barkley additionally told the sports news website that the hoodie was



Saquon Barkley is regarded as the top running back in the 2018 draft. GETTY IMAGES

gifted to the rusher by the Giants after he met with the franchise and

that he decided to wear it when going to get a haircut. Of course, the

Giants own the No. 2 overall pick in the draft, which is April 26-28, and there has been plenty of speculation over who the franchise will select.

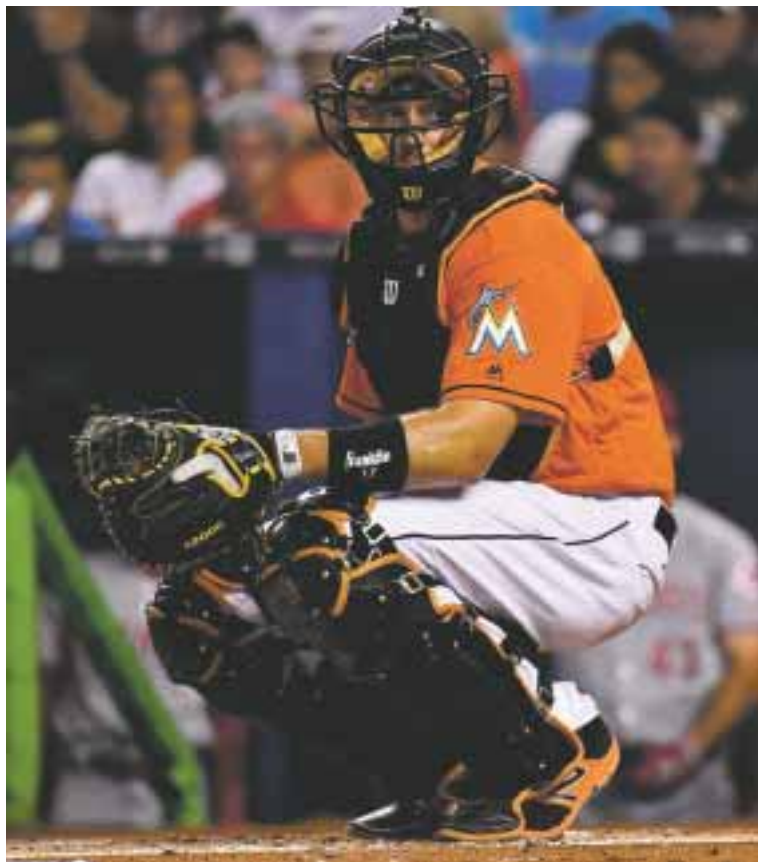
Earlier this month, ESPN's renowned NFL/college draft analyst, Mel Kiper Jr., had the Giants tabbing quarterback Sam Darnold with the second pick, while his colleague, Todd McShay, recently predicted that Big Blue will take defensive end Bradley Chubb, who is widely regarded as the best edge rusher in the draft. Whether

Barkley wore the Giants sweatshirt because he got some kind of early indication from the team that they're going to select him, or that he's urging the organization to pick him, remains to be seen. But as dynamic as Barkley is, scouts have reasons to warn the Giants against picking the 5-11, 230-pound running back at No. 2, according to a recent ESPN story. The main reasons being that the Giants need to draft and groom a new franchise quarterback and this seems to be the

class to do it with QBs Darnold, Josh Rosen, Baker Mayfield and Josh Allen all up for grabs. They also need to further bolster their offensive line.

Finally, drafting a running back at No. 2 — even one as special as Barkley — is risky, considering there's solid rushing value still available in later rounds, meaning the Giants could seemingly grab a new QB and get a worthy running back in the same draft.

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JT Realmuto wants out of Miami. GETTY IMAGES

Mets in market for new catcher

JT Realmuto is a logical trade target for the Mets.



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The New York Mets almost experienced a Wednesday last week in which they lost both of their catchers.

Just hours after it was announced that Travis d'Arnaud was placed on the 10-day disabled list with a torn UCL, which will likely need Tommy John surgery, Kevin Plawecki was hit in the hand by a 98 mph fastball during the Mets' 4-1 win over the Miami Marlins.

X-rays initially came back negative for Plawecki on Thursday morning, which looked to be a sizeable obstacle dodged by the Mets as they were already forced to call up their top catching prospect

Tomas Nido as a No. 2 option. But Friday morning brought bad news as Plawecki's hand was indeed broken.

The catcher's spot has been an area of need for the Mets over the past few seasons. Expected to be the franchise's backstop of the future after being traded from the Toronto Blue Jays, d'Arnaud has battled inconsistencies and injuries over the last six years that have limited any chance of him developing into a star.

For a team that suddenly has the league's best record, the Mets could become a serious contender during the 2018 season if they could find a way to address the position that has now become their weakest link. They could turn to the trade market for a quick and effective answer.

While he is currently on the disabled list because of a back con-

sion, Miami Marlins catcher J.T. Realmuto has become one of the most promising catchers in the game and the Mets are interested.

Per Mike Puma of the New York Post, the Mets have reached out to the Marlins about a possible deal.

The 23-year-old is the best running catcher, threw out 32 percent of would-be base stealers last season (five percent above the league average) and has a developing offensive game that can hold some serious power.

While his averaged dipped from .303 to .278 last year, Realmuto hit 17 home runs and drove in 65 runs in 141 games.

On a rebuilding Marlins team that dealt away Giancarlo Stanton, Marcel Ozuna and Christian Yelich over the winter, Realmuto has already made it known that he wants to be traded.



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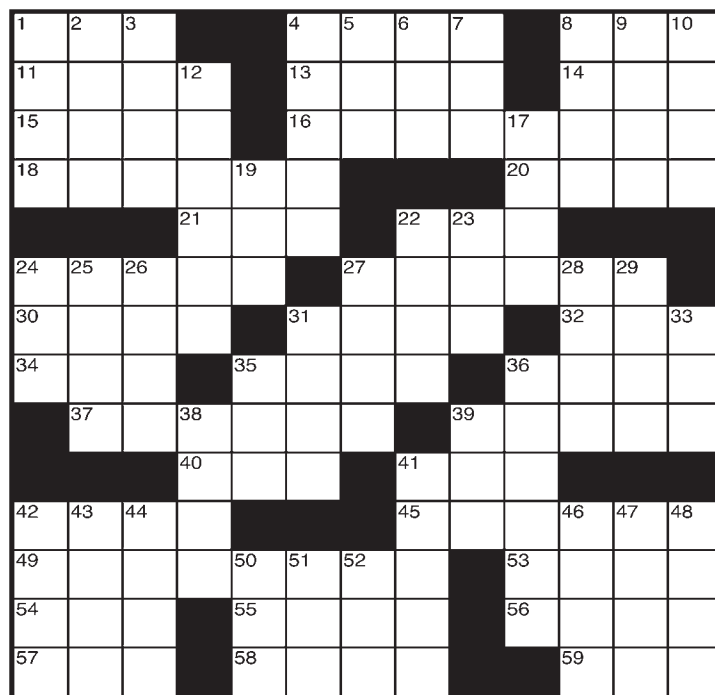
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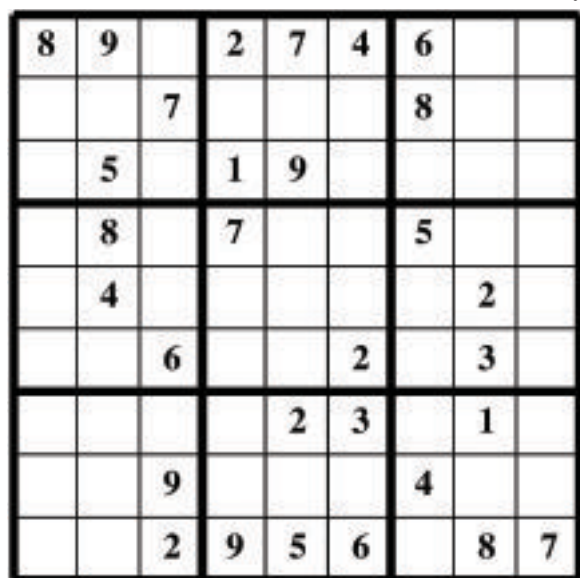
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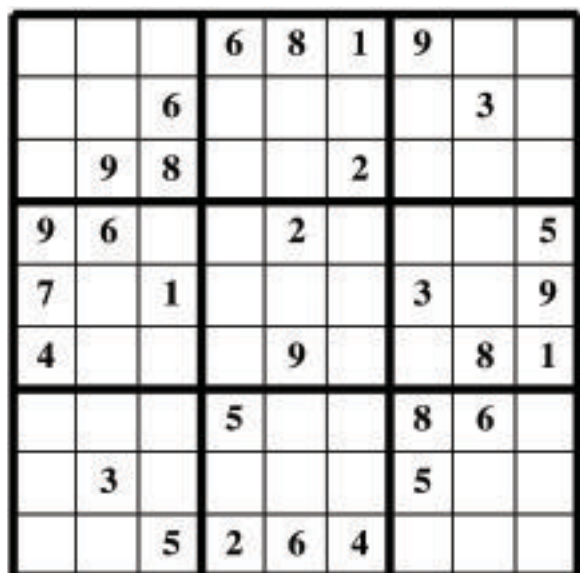


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Aries Look for a creative outlet that will keep you occupied and ease your stress. Anger is not the way to respond to situations that could hurt your reputation or position.



Taurus Put more effort into the way you look and how you present your skills and expertise to others. A steady pace and a solid plan will lead to greater opportunities and success.



Gemini Let your personality shine. Take charge and put a positive spin on whatever you pursue. Helping others will be rewarding and will encourage you to make new acquaintances.



Cancer Engage in worthwhile activities. Trying something different will change your perspective on your career and cohorts. Focus on who and what are most important to you.



Leo Look at your available options and lean toward the simplest and most cost-efficient one. You can bring about change if you are practical and moderate.



Virgo A business trip or meeting will result in new options that can help you get ahead. A chance to show off your expertise will impress someone special.



Libra Nurture your relationships with the people you live or regularly deal with. It's important to live within your means if you want to avoid discord with someone you share bills with.



Scorpio Take care of personal business and nurture important relationships. A romantic gesture will improve your love life. Greater opportunities are heading your way.



Sagittarius Make a personal change that will encourage a better lifestyle and standard of living. Engage in healthy activities that will foster friendships with positive people.



Capricorn Don't mince words if someone pressures you. Be firm and back away from situations that are fraught with uncertainty, confusion or frustration.



Aquarius Be prepared and practical at all times. Setting a tight budget will help ward off the temptation to overspend. Listen to your body and take better care of your health.



Pisces Your efforts will not be in vain. Making personal or professional changes will help secure your financial future. Romance will improve your life. **EUGENIA LAST**

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